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Elder R. H. HARRIS, President of Faculty.

PROCEEDINGS.

PINE GROVE MEETING HOUSE,
GRANVILLE COUNTY, N. C., August 8, 1889.

The Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association convened this day in its twenty-second annual session, with the church at Pine Grove Meeting House, Granville county, N. C., and was called to order by its former Moderator, Elder A. G. Graves. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder A. R. Satterfield by reading the 48th Psalm and singing hymn "Once More We Meet to Praise." Prayer by Elder L. C. Ragland.

At the conclusion of the devotional exercises, Elder A. G. Graves, former Moderator, delivered an interesting and entertaining address, calling the attention of the Association to several objects that should be duly considered this session, viz.: Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions, and Educational Work; after which he announced the Association opened for the transaction of business.

The Moderator read the Rules of Decorum.

The pastor of Pine Grove Church, Elder J. R. Cozart, came forward and gave the preachers and messengers a hearty and cordial welcome to the hospitalities of his people during their stay, which was responded to by Elder L. C. Ragland.

On motion, the following Committee on Hours of Meeting and Adjournment was appointed, viz.: Bros. Joe Coley, H. G. Tilley and Elder F. R. Howell.

On motion, the pastor and deacons of Pine Grove Church were appointed as the Committee on Devotional Exercises during this session.

Elder F. R. Howell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That each minister of the gospel that was a member of this Association at its fifth session, and has continued until now in regular attendance, and in the faithful discharge of the duties assigned them by the Association, and whose ministerial and moral character is irreproachable, be constituted life members of this Association.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Elder W. H. Stanfield to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M.; Elder S. W. Ray as his alternate.

The churches were called and messengers enrolled, as follows:

ALLEN'S CHAPEL—Sam. Johnson, William Satterfield.

BLACKWELL'S—Monroe Washington, James Gwin.

YANCEYVILLE—M. N. Corbitt, A. Hart.

SWEETGUM GROVE—Alex. McGroom, John Richmond.

MILL HILL—C. Lawson, John Paler.

SASSAFRAS GROVE—G. A. Holaway, L. A. Williamson.

ST. JAMES (Person county)—W. H. Lyon, S. Noel.

SHADY HILL—Not represented.

DAN RIVER—J. Rogers.

OLIVE GROVE—E. G. Mays, Henry Curtis.

HIGH STREET (Milton)—By pastor.

LONG'S CROSS ROADS—Young Forian.

PROSPECT—Mark Allen, Robin Brown.

RUFFIN—Not represented.

GRAVES' CHAPEL—Madison Graves, Morris Graves.

MAYS—R. P. Dance, Burnett Pool.

WOODLAND—R. B. Mangrum, Gus Peace.

RIVER ZION—Paul McGhehe, B. Chandler.

BLUE STONE—Not represented.
 PINE GROVE—J. C. Coley, Lustre Lyon.
 RED MOUNTAIN—W. H. Parker, H. Parrish.
 SHADY GROVE—Not represented.
 LAWSON'S CHAPEL—Syrus Price, Lewis Bumpass.
 NEW HOPE (Granville county)—R. N. Jenkins, Ned Satterfield.
 MT. LEVEL—John Rhodes, Andrew Daniel.
 HARNE'S CHAPEL—George Lee, Daniel Mabin.
 CLEGG'S CHAPEL—R. A. Cousins, Chestley Bass.
 OAK GROVE—J. C. Allen, Eaton Allen.
 HYCO ZION—Green Johnson, Joshua Jones.
 NEW ZION—By pastor.
 NEW HOPE (Leasburg)—Ed. Thomson, Willie Thomson.
 LONG' CHAPEL—James Murry, Moses Johnson.
 ST. JAMES (Caswell)—James Thaxton, Grant Smith.
 MINERAL SPRINGS—Not represented.
 RED HILL—Not represented.
 MT. VERNON—A. L. Lyon, H. G. Tilly.
 ORANGE GROVE—Not represented.
 LATTIESVILLE—Not represented.
 JONES' CHAPEL—W. B. Cousins, W. M. Jones.
 CEDAR GROVE—R. V. Pool, T. Gentry.
 PLEASANT GROVE—Ed. Chisurn, I. Edwards.
 BEULAH—Robert Covington, Frank Terril.
 HIGH ROCK—Burwell Stephens.
 LEDGE ROCK—Logan Lyon, Isaac Tate.
 MT. ZION—William Burnett, J. P. Parks.

Election of officers being in order, Elder A. G. Graves was elected Moderator.

Elders R. H. Harris and L. C. Ragland were put in nomination for Secretary.

Elder A. R. Satterfield and Bro. H. G. Tilly were appointed tellers.

Elder L. C. Ragland receiving the largest number of votes (a small majority), was elected Secretary.

Elder S. Wade was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Elder J. R. Cozart was elected Corresponding Secretary by acclamation.

The above-named officers were installed, returning thanks for the honors conferred.

On motion, it was ordered that each stand for the sale of merchandise pay to the Association fifty cents per day for the privilege of selling on its grounds.

The Committee on Hours of Meeting and adjournment made the following report:

We, your Committee on Hours of Meeting and Adjournment, beg leave to report as follows: Meet at 9:30 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 12:30 P. M.; meet at 2 o'clock P. M. and adjourn 5 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. COLEY,
 H. G. TILLY,
 F. R. HOWELL,
Committee.

The Association then adjourned. Benediction by Elder J. W. Day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator, Elder A. G. Graves, in the chair.

The hour for the Introductory Sermon having arrived, Elder A. G. Graves, of Yanceyville, N. C., with Elder A. R. Satterfield, of Roxboro,

N. C., his alternate, ascended the pulpit and opened the services of the hour by singing the 80th hymn and reading the 19th chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Prayer was offered by Elder A. R. Satterfield. Elder A. G. Graves proceeded with the sermon, using for his text the latter clause of the fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of Romans, viz.: "There is a remnant according to the election of grace." His subject was "Election." The points made were: (1) The saving of Noah, the remnant according to grace, under the Adamic dispensation; (2) the calling of Abram, afterwards changed to Abraham, the elect according to grace, under the Patriarchal dispensation; (3) the world nor the church has not nor never will become so corrupt that God will not reserve a remnant according to the election of grace to complete the salvation of man, destroy the works of Satan and establish His own kingdom.

The above points were logically, potently and impressively treated by Elder Graves, to the edification and delight of the entire Association.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Finance—Elders F. R. Howell, T. T. Stanfield, S. Wade.

On Credentials—Elders J. M. Taylor, R. H. Harris, A. R. Satterfield.

On Time, Place and Preacher for Next Session—Bros. Jas. Thaxton, R. P. Dance, Alex. McGroom.

Revs. J. A. and T. O. Fuller, of the Wake Baptist Association, were invited to seats with us.

Bro. J. G. Lewis, a licentiate of Huntsville Church, near Oxford, was invited to a seat with us.

The Association adjourned. Benediction by Elder K. Dixon.

SECOND DAY.

AUGUST 9, 1889.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator, Elder A. G. Graves, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder T. T. Stanfield, who read the 119th Psalm. Sang hymn 424. Prayer by Elder A. R. Satterfield.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The following committees were appointed:

On Periodicals—Bros. G. Smith, E. Chisurn, W. B. Cousins.

On Home Missions—Elders R. H. Harris, F. R. Howell, L. C. Ragland.

On Foreign Missions—Elders K. Dixon, H. Wilson, Bro. J. P. Parks.

On Temperance—Elders C. Smith, W. A. Jones, Bro. W. H. Parker.

Elder F. R. Howell offered resolutions on the necessity of more activity among the officers, &c. [See Resolutions.]

Elder R. H. Harris was appointed president of the faculty of Cedar Grove Academy.

Elder A. R. Satterfield was appointed president of the Board of Trustees.

Elders A. R. Satterfield, S. Wade and J. W. Day were appointed a committee to select a Board of Trustees.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Elder H. McGruder to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M.; Elder C. Smith, alternate.

The following committees were appointed:

On Obituaries—Elder J. H. Williams, Bros. R. A. Cousins, Young Torian.

On Sabbath-schools—Bros. A. L. Lyon, John Nash, Green Johnson.

The Ordaining Councils were announced, as follows:

Mt. Zion District—Elder A. G. Graves, chairman; Elders S. Wade and K. Dixon, associates.

Olive Grove District—Elder J. R. Cozart, chairman; Elders A. R. Satterfield and L. C. Ragland, associates.

The Association adjourned. Benediction by Elder F. R. Howell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator, Elder A. G. Graves, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder H. Wilson, who read the first Psalm. Sang hymn "Blessed be the Tie that Binds," etc. Prayer by Elder K. Dixon.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Bro. J. P. Parks was appointed usher for the afternoon.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Elder H. Wilson to preach at the stand at 3 o'clock P. M.; Elder T. Y. Stanfield, alternate.

Elders R. H. Harris, F. R. Howell and Bro. Robin Brown were appointed as Committee on Appropriations.

A committee of five was appointed to arrange a system of ministerial work, but failed to report, owing to pressure of other business. Elder L. C. Ragland, as one of the committee, and knowing the design of the mover for that committee, took the privilege of making some suggestions on the matter, which appear as an addenda to these minutes.

Elder J. W. Day and Bros. G. Smith and B. F. Hopkins were appointed a committee to select a board of managers for the superannuated fund.

The Committee on Obituaries reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

Bro. J. C. Allen, messenger from Oak Grove, was excused.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

Bro. Henry Curtis, messenger from Olive Grove, was excused.

Long's Chapel, in Franklin county, N. C., was granted a letter of dismission.

Six hundred copies of the minutes were ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Trustees reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Association adjourned. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY.

AUGUST 10, 1889.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator, Elder A. G. Graves, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by reading the 23d Psalm and singing hymn "Amazing sight," etc. Prayer by Bro. W. H. Harris.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Elder W. A. Jones to preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M.; Bro. W. H. Harris, alternate.

On motion, it was ordered that the sixth order of business in the Ministers and Deacons' Meetings shall be Ministerial and Deacons' Improvement.

The Committee on Periodicals reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

On motion of Elder A. R. Satterfield, it was ordered that the latter clause of the 4th article of the Constitution be stricken out.

Each pastor was requested to preach or lecture on Education at least once during the year, and to take a collection for the Academy.

The Committee on Temperance reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Association adjourned. Benediction by Elder J. W. Day.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment, the Moderator, Elder A. G. Graves, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by reading the 33d chapter of Ezekiel. Prayer by Bro. E. G. Chisurn.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Ministerial Council reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Bro. B. F. Hopkins, a licentiate of Pine Grove Church, to preach at the stand at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Treasurer made the following report:

Received last session.....	\$117 00
Paid for printing minutes.....	\$25 00
Secretary.....	20 00
For distribution of minutes.....	8 00
Sexton.....	1 75
Elder A. G. Graves.....	5 00
Home Mission Board.....	10 00
Orphan Asylum.....	10 00
Total paid out.....	79 75
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 37 25
Received for educational purposes.....	\$ 83 38
Amount on hand.....	80 17
Total.....	\$163 55

Respectfully submitted, S. WADE, *Treasurer*.

The committee to select Superannuated Board reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Committee on Appropriations reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

Elder Satterfield offered resolutions, which were adopted. [See Resolutions.]

Two dollars was donated to Elder K. Dixon.

The Trustees were allowed one dollar per day for services, and five cents mileage.

Five dollars was donated to the missionary.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Moderator and Secretary for their services during the session.

A vote of thanks was tendered Pine Grove Church and vicinity for its liberal and hospitable entertainment.

The Committee on Finance reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Committee on Credentials reported. [See Reports of Committees.]

The Association adjourned to meet with the church at Prospect, Person county, N. C., the second Thursday in August, A. D. 1890. Benediction by Elder L. C. Ragland.

L. C. RAGLAND,
Secretary.

A. G. GRAVES,
Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report: That no minister or deacon dealing in alcoholic drinks should be fellowshipped by the churches, or should be recognized or will be recognized by this Association; and no church should tolerate habitual dram-drinking among its members, or hold as its pastor any minister who habitually indulges in alcoholic drinks as a beverage.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PARKER,
W. A. JONES,
C. SMITH,

Committee.

ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report: That whereas, God has seen fit in His wise providence to remove by death our beloved Bro. W. M. Hooper, a licensed minister of Shady Grove Church: therefore,

Resolved 1. That through love and sincere regard we offer this tribute of respect to his memory.

Resolved 2. That while we lose a good and useful brother, we submit to the rulings of Him who is "too wise to err and too good to be unkind."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WILLIAMS,
R. A. COUSINS,
YOUNG TORIAN,

Committee.

ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath-schools, beg leave to report: That we are sorry to note that the Sabbath-school work of the Association has not yet recovered from the damage wrought by the county convention system, though some institute districts are doing good work. We recommend that the plan of work laid down at the last session be fully carried into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. HARRIS,
D. D. JOHNSON,
J. R. RICHMOND,

Committee.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, Over 30,000,000 of human beings are still in a state of heathenism, bowing down to stocks and stones; and whereas, God has made us instruments and given us opportunities of doing good: therefore,

Resolved 1. That each minister holding pastoral charge within our bounds preach at least one sermon on Foreign Missions and take a collection for the same, forwarding it to the Secretary of this Association, to be by him forwarded to the Foreign Mission Board.

Resolved 2. That the Secretary shall receipt to each church for the amount forwarded him, and shall report by receipt from the Foreign Mission Board at each annual session of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

K. DIXON,
H. WILSON,
J. P. PARKS,

Committee.

ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

We, your Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, beg leave to report: That Prospect, Person County, be the place, the second Thursday in August, A. D. 1890, be the time of holding the next session of this Association, and that Elder F. R. Howell preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. M. Taylor his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. MCGROOM,
JAMES THAXTON,
R. P. DANCE,

Committee.

ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, beg leave to report: That in every form or matter of business there are certain underlying principles from which the whole may be developed; and whereas, reading develops the man, and the religious press is a great auxiliary to bombard the fortress of wickedness and immorality: we therefore recommend that the *Baptist Pilot* and the *National Baptist* be read by our members, and a copy should be in every family.

Respectfully submitted,

G. SMITH,
E. G. CHISURN,
W. B. COUSINS,

Committee.

ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we received three dollars each from thirty-five churches; collection at the stand, seventy-five cents. Three dollars each was pledged by Yanceyville, Blackwell's, and Long's Chapel. Total received, \$105.75.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. HOWELL,
S. WADE,
T. Y. STANFIELD,

Committee.

ON CREDENTIALS.

Failed to hand the Secretary their report.

ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Failed to hand the Secretary their report.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

We, your Ministerial Council, to whom was referred all matters of grievances, beg leave to report: That after full investigation we recommend: first, the entire non-recognition of F. A. Long as a minister of the gospel; second, that St. James Church, Caswell County, exclude the member complained of by New Hope Church, Leasburg; third, that Mt. Zion Church get rid of Rev. Joe Tuck, he being not in gospel order.

Respectfully submitted,

S. WADE,
A. R. SATTERFIELD,

A. G. GRAVES, *Chmn.*,
J. R. COZART,
L. C. RAYBON,

Council.

RESOLUTIONS.

ON WORK OF THE BOARDS.

WHEREAS, There is need of more activity among the preachers and officials of this Association: therefore,

Resolved 1. That the Corresponding Secretary be supplied with the necessary means to make the office more efficient.

Resolved 2. That each of the boards have their regular officers—president, secretary, and treasurer.

Resolved 3. That a faculty be appointed for the school work in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. HOWELL.

ON UNITY.

WHEREAS, There should be unity of action and sentiment among the ministers upon the works of the various branches of this Association; therefore,

Resolved, That there be a mass-meeting of the ministers at Milton on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in May, for the purpose of uniting our energies in the educational work, and to discuss church work generally.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. SATTERFIELD.

ADDENDA.

The motion made in the Association for the appointment of a Committee on System was for the purpose of suggesting some plan better adapted to the upbuilding of the churches and ministry than that which has and now prevails within our bounds. The present system of indefinite pastorships, annual calling the same man, long confinement of preachers to one locality, growing indifference to pastoral support, and the want of more systematic work in the churches, is weakening them and destroying the usefulness of many good ministers, and embarrassing to the good, energetic and zealous workers in Zion's cause. The question with many of us, and especially, if I mistake not, with our worthy Moderator, Elder A. G. Graves, is, "How can these evils be remedied?"

Owing to our independent, democratic and congregational form of church government, there is for us but one remedy, viz.: for all the churches and preachers within our bounds to unanimously agree upon certain courses of action, not inconsistent with Baptist polity, in regard to calling, retaining, and maintaining pastors; and with the preachers in regard to accepting and remaining with churches. Many churches think it will not do for them to call Elders Graves, Cozart, or Wade, because they are pastors of four churches. A church should call whom it wants—and want the best that can be had—and have the responsibility of accepting or rejecting the preacher called. A church should not call a preacher simply because he is convenient or cheap, saying he will do until we can do better. The surest, quickest and easiest way to drive incompetent preachers from the field is for the churches not to have them for substitutes or otherwise.

A church, so soon as it becomes apparent that the usefulness of their pastor is upon the wane, should call another pastor, however great may be their love and esteem for him, whether his loss of usefulness be for a just or unjust cause.

A few women and their husbands should never influence the discreet and thinking portion of a church in calling, retaining or dismissing a pastor.

A church should pay its pastor for his services all that it is able to pay, and never promise more than it is able to pay, and always pay what it promises promptly, timely and uncomplainingly.

No church should be willing for their pastor to be a mere manual laborer for his support, and should their poverty and his consequent necessity require it, they should, by constant prayer, appeal to the Great Head of the church, and petition to the various mission boards for aid.

Every church should hold sacred, and defend and protect the moral character of their pastor, and allow none to tarnish it—but the man himself; and no sooner than his conduct is suspicious, to the detriment of his morals, get rid of him quietly and peaceably, unless his immorality is such that the honor and good of the cause require him to be publicly exposed.

I desire to be short in these suggestions, but I shall now make a few for the consideration of the preachers. Many of my suggestions to preachers will be from experience, as well as observation.

No preacher should remain pastor of a church, no matter how overwhelmingly may be the majority in his favor, if there is anything like a respectable number of members against his remaining, no matter whether their opposition be just or unjust in his opinion. This rule is only applicable to those who have been pastor of churches so divided. For, some times, a new pastor coming in, such opposition and bitter feeling will be healed; whereas, if the old one stays the breach will widen and increase until it ruins him or the church, and perhaps both.

No preacher should seek, directly or indirectly, pastorships or any other official position in ecclesiastical bodies, for it should be beneath the dignity of a Christian gentleman so to do. The demand for our usefulness will ever put us in positions to accomplish good. All preachers were not intended for pastors. The bane of our conventions, associations, etc., has been office-seeking. No preacher should suffer his sympathetic feelings to overcome his judgment where there are divisions in a church in regard to him, for his worst foes are frequently his professed friends. A preacher should not let his love or partiality for one particular church prevent him from going to other fields and churches, where there may be greater demands for his services than with the church and people he so much loves. Our ministry, brethren, is not local. *The world is our field.* A preacher may know the esteem and demand for his services, as a general rule, by the proportion between the ability of the church and the amount he receives for his services. No preacher should preach for a people unless he is duly appreciated by that people. "They that receive you not, shake off the dust," etc.

The conclusion of the whole matter is, that frequent changes among our people would be better than long pastorships. Therefore, there should be some judicious rules and regulations for more frequent changes of fields of labor on the part of the preachers, so that there will be less breaking down and leaving because we cannot stay any longer. Churches and preachers should mutually agree upon limited terms of pastorships. I, at this time, can see no other remedy for the evils now existing except an educated ministry and an educated laity.

L. C. RAGLAND.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1. That in the morning of each session of this Association some time be spent in devotional exercises.

2. That this Association shall maintain a spirit of forbearance and Christian kindness toward all brethren in the Lord.

3. That no brother shall be ordained without he has some education and a gift for the work of the gospel of Christ in faithfully giving to God's word what is due to it.

4. That the churches of this Association be requested to refrain, as much as possible, from the transaction of church business on the Lord's Day, and endeavor to meet regularly on Saturday before their regularly appointed Lord's Day for that purpose.

5. That the sisters of our church be recommended to form themselves into societies to raise funds by voluntary contributions and monthly fees to aid pastors and other ministers, and build houses of worship.

6. That no church shall be organized or recognized as in good order that pays less than twenty-five dollars annually to the support of the gospel.

7. That we hereby condemn the act of a Baptist church receiving into her membership from a sister Baptist church any person without a proper letter of dismission.

8. That we disapprove of the act of a Baptist church receiving into her membership any person expelled from a sister Baptist church.

9. That we disapprove of organizing a company or part of a company into a Baptist church without letters of dismission from the church to which they belong.

10. That while we recognize the independence of a Baptist church, we cannot believe said church is at liberty to enact a law or usage contrary to the denomination to which they belong or are identified.

11. That we believe it to our interest as Baptist churches to cling to and practice the New Testament Baptist standard.

12. That we recommend to our brethren of this Association the obtaining of a thorough knowledge of Baptist church government.

13. That any minister preaching false doctrine shall be ordered by any deacon or minister hearing the same to go before a ministerial council for instruction and admonition, and if he persists he shall be non-recognized by this Association as a minister of the gospel.

14. That it is to the best interest of the churches of this Association to call ministers belonging to this Association for pastors.

15. That any church stubbornly and wilfully refusing to take the advice of the Association shall be dropped from our minutes and no longer be considered a member of this Association.

16. That no minister should be ordained unless his usefulness actually demands it.

17. That the churches in our bounds which have young men licensed to preach will endeavor to raise an educational fund to support such young men in Cedar Grove Academy, that they may be able to obtain an education.

18. That no minister dealing in ardent spirits or malt liquors, or having an interest in any firm, saloon, groggery or jug tavern, trafficking in alcoholic drinks, shall be recognized by this Association.

19. That no church should retain any minister as their pastor who habitually indulges in the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

20. That no church should retain as deacon any member that traffics in ardent spirits, or that patronizes the habitual use or sale of intoxicating drinks.

21. That no church should tolerate drunkenness in any of its members; but that every offence should be properly dealt with.

22. That this Association commit the entire Sabbath-school work to the Sabbath-school Union.

23. That each church pay three dollars Associational fund instead of two and a half, and the additional fifty cents be used for the support of superannuated ministers, and for no other purposes.

24. Hereafter no candidate shall be ordained to the ministry within our bounds unless he is competent of mastering the English language correctly, and also have a competent knowledge of mathematics.

25. That the ordaining board of the Mt. Zion District and of the Olive Grove District constitute a committee to examine all ministers whom they think to be unqualified to preach the gospel according to Baptist usages.

26. That we recommend that the herein session adopt Hiscock's Baptist Directory as the standard and the only standard by which the ministers shall be guided.

27. That after the adoption of the above report any minister failing to instruct his church in the same, shall be non-recognized by the ministers of this Association. We also recommend that all complaints against any minister be referred to the ordaining board.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve order and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have a right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave from the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself finally from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech must be observed and personal reflection must be avoided.

11. While the Moderator is putting the question, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk across the house; nor, when a member is speaking, engage in private conversation, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, lay on the table, postpone or amend.

13. All committees shall consist of three, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day to select ministers to preach each day of the Association, and give notice to the ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be altered or suspended unless by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

17. The Rules of Decorum shall be read the first day of each session of the Association.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be to promote the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, wherever God in His providence shall permit us to labor.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches, in the following manner: Each church connected with the Association shall be entitled to send two delegates (together with any licensed minister who holds his membership or pastoral charge within our bounds), who shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, the number baptized the preceding year, received by letter, restored, deceased, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, the whole number in full fellowship, and the days on which they hold their church meetings. The letter shall also contain a general statement of the condition of the churches.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected by a ballot at an annual meeting, and shall hold their offices until another election. The Moderator shall be elected annually.

ART. 5. The Moderator shall preside in all meetings of the Association, preserve order, state and put all questions, and announce the vote of the body. The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the Association, prepare and superintend the printing of the minutes, distribute them and enter them in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all moneys belonging to the Association, subject to the order of the Association, and shall make, at each annual meeting, a report of the Association.

ART. 6. This Association shall have no power to interfere with the internal affairs of the churches, but it shall be its business to advise and aid the churches in the accomplishment of the object specified in the second article of this Constitution.

ART. 7. Any regular Baptist church, by sending delegates to the annual meeting of this body, bearing a letter containing a statement of its condition, may be admitted into this union: *Provided*, that no church shall be received except by the unanimous vote of the delegates present.

ART. 8. This Association shall correspond, by delegates, with kindred institutions, whenever convenient; but no delegate from any other Association shall be entitled to a vote in this.

ART. 9. Any church in good order, wishing to withdraw from this Association, shall, upon making a written request to that effect, be entitled to dismission.

ART. 10. It will be expected of the churches composing this Association to remit the funds intended by them for the promotion of the object

specified in the second article to the Association, and such funds shall be faithfully applied according to the directions accompanying them. Nothing in this article or in this Constitution shall be construed to compel the churches to contribute to any object.

ART. 11. Alterations or amendments to this Constitution, provided they do not affect the second, sixth and tenth articles, may be made by a proposition at any annual meeting, subject to the approbation of two-thirds of the members present at the next annual meeting.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

ORDAINED.

A. G. Graves	Yanceyville	Cary Richmond	Hycotee
K. Dixon	Leasburg	H. McGruder	Hamer
C. Smith	Leasburg	Lewis Holden	Wake Forest
R. H. Harris	Roxboro	Wm. H. Harrison	Pelham
A. R. Satterfield	Roxboro	J. H. Smith	Danville, Va
T. Y. Stanfield	Roxboro	Peter Graves	Ruffin
D. Williams	Roxboro	Henry Grasty	Danville, Va
G. Carver	Roxboro	Luster Bullock	Tally Ho
H. Wilson	Mayo, Va	W. H. Stanfield	Leasburg
D. Johnson	Milton	F. Love	Hycotee
W. A. Johnson	Mt. Energy	A. L. Johnson	Yanceyville
C. Mayo	Mill Creek	F. A. Long	Hamer
L. C. Ragland	Mill Creek	D. N. Cousins	Allensville
J. R. Cozart	Berea	F. R. Howell	Salisbury
S. Wade	Roxboro	J. M. Taylor	Creedmoor
J. W. Day	Mt. Tirzah	C. W. Ray	Red Mountain
Wortham Ray	Red Mountain	W. A. Jones	Mill Creek
S. Southerland	Mt. Energy		

LICENSED.

James Henderson	Milton	John Slade	Danville, Va
David Smith	Yanceyville	George Stokes	Danville, Va
C. S. Walker	Fitch's Store	Washington Yancey	Danville, Va
Grey Overby	Bethel Hill	William Henderson	Danville, Va
Peter Wilson	Leasburg	D. D. Stokes	Danville, Va
Rasmus Clark	Ruffin	R. Price	Dan River Junction
Peter Barnett	Roxboro	J. H. Williams	Leasburg
Robert Harden	Yanceyville	G. F. Lyon	
Eseriah Watkins	Milton	J. H. Lyon	Centre Grove
Wm. Hooper	Blackwells	W. T. Oliver	
Wm. Pinchback	Hamer	G. Neal	
John Slade	Pelham	James Williamson	
J. C. Baird	Mill Creek	Spencer Warren	
Nathan Price	Pelham	George W. Carey	
John Ray	Winstead	Elbert Richmond	
Richard Webb	Centre Grove	Moses Gust	Bethel Hill
Alvis Ray	Red Mountain	John Brook	Mill Creek
G. W. Dunningham	Yanceyville	Robert Street	Mill Creek
J. H. Cozart	Roxboro	William H. Harris	Oxford
Peter Graves	Danville, Va		

MINISTERS AND DEACONS' MEETINGS.

The Association, for the sake of convenience, is divided into two districts, known as the Olive Grove District and the Mt. Zion District.

1st. The Ministers and Deacons' Meeting should be organized by the appointment of a chairman and secretary, and opened by reading a portion of Scripture and prayer. 2d. Each district should keep a register, in which the names of the ministers and deacons should be enrolled.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—1. Roll of members called by the secretary. 2. Receive ministers who may apply for admission from other associations, districts, &c. 3. Determine the time and the place of the next quarterly meeting. 4. Look after Sabbath-school interests. 5. Missionary and church building interests. 6. Ministerial and deacons' improvement. 7. Day schools and the cause of education generally. 8. Incidental business.

FORM FOR CHURCH LETTER.

The.....Baptist Church.....County, N. C.,

To the Cedar Grove Association—GREETING :

DEAR BRETHREN : Through the mercies and grace of Almighty God we are permitted to communicate with you again in your Annual Session. The condition of our church is

We send Brethren and as Messengers. Receive them in love. Our statistics are :

Baptized, ... ; Received by Letter, ... ; Dismissed, ... ; Excluded, ... ; Restored, ... ; Deaths, ... ; Total, ...

We have collected and paid out : For Pastor, \$..... ; Home Missions, \$..... ; Foreign Missions, \$..... ; Orphan Asylum, \$..... ; Building and Repairing Meeting-Houses, \$..... ; Educational Purposes, \$..... ; Sick and Poor, \$..... ; Incidental, \$..... ; Total paid out, \$.....

May the Great Head of the Church preside over your deliberations.

....., *Moderator.*

....., *Clerk.*

